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METEOROLOGICAL CENTRE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Meteorological centers functioning in the country State-wise and Union Territory-wise particularly in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep and since when;

(b) the staff strength of each of the above centres ;

(c) whether these centers are located in far away islands which are supposed to collect important scientific datas;

(d) whether periodical supervisory visits are made by officials of the Department;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether there is a proposal to upgrade any of the above centers to the next stage of operations; and

(g) whether there is a proposal to establish a District Meteorological Centre at Kavarati the Head Quarter of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a)& (b): There are 18 Meteorological Centres (MCs) functioning in most of the state capitals in our country but none in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep. Their date of establishment and the staff strength (sanctioned and actually posted) are given below:

Regional Meteorlogical Centre,(RMC) New Delhi.

Meteorological centres	Established in	Sanctioned strength	Actually posted
Lucknow	1972	103	87
Jaipur	1972	73	70
Srinagar	1973	78	52
Chandigarh	1980	33	28
Dehradun	2002	17	13
Shimla	2002	09	05

RMC Nagpur

Meteorological centres	Established in	Sanctioned strength	Actually posted
Bhopal	1976	80	59
Raipur	2002	30	23

RMC Guwahati

Meteorological centres	Established in	Sanctioned strength	Actually posted
Itanagar	2006	11	04

RMC Mumbai

Meteorological centres	Established in	Sanctioned strength	Actually posted
Ahmedabad	1974	117	100

RMC Kolkata

Meteorological centres	Established in	Sanctioned strength	Actually posted
Bhubneshwar	1973	101	83
Patna	1974	89	66
Ranchi	2002	32	30
Agartala	2003	62	49
Gangtok	2003	12	08

RMC Chennai

Meteorological centres	Established in	Sanctioned strength	Actually posted
Bangalore	1972	112	93
Hyderabad	1972	102	95
Thiruvananthapuram	1972	110	84

(c) No Sir. These centers are located at state capitals of mainland. Apart from collection of various kinds of meteorological data, these centers cater to all the meteorological requirements of the state governments like weather forecasting and warning etc.

(d) & (e): Periodical inspection of observatories and comparison of meteorological instruments are carried out once in a year. Regular and periodical supervisory visits are also being made at all the Meteorological Centres.

(f) No Sir.

(g) Yes Sir, in due course of time.